IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete and cancel Claims 2, 3, 4, 13, 14 and 15, without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1 and 12 as follows:

1.   (Amended) A computer implemented method for transforming data in a data warehousing application, comprising the steps of:

specifying at least one source containing data;

constructing a plurality of transformation components for manipulating data according to [pre-determines] pre-determined sets of rules;

coupling the transformation components to form one or more pipelines;

specifying a target for storing data generated by one or more of the pipelines;

staging data in a first of said plurality of transformation components; and

streaming data in a second of said plurality of transformation components, wherein said staging and said streaming of data are performed automatically by software without human intervention.

12.   (Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions for causing a computer to transform data in a datamart application, comprising:

a source containing original data;

a plurality of transformation components for manipulating data according to [pre-determines] pre-determined behaviors;